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Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 9:04 PM
To: Wasserman, Mike; Chavez, Cindy; Cortese, Dave; Ellenberg, Supervisor; Supervisor Simitian
Subject: Re: Board Policy 3.54 relating to Cooperation with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

What a cop out!

On Jun 4, 2019, at 3:15 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Supervisors,

I urge you to update the Santa Clara County Board Policy 3.54

- (1) relating to cooperation with U.S. Immigrations and Customs enforcement, “relating to what, how, and when information is currently made available to the public and to ICE as part of the County’s arrest, booking, and release processes”;
- (2) “amendments to Board Policy 3.54 to replace outdated provisions relating to civil detainers with appropriate references to state law”;
- (3) “options and recommendations for amendments to County Policy to ensure the timely and lawful notification to other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, including ICE, of releases of inmates convicted of serious and violent felonies”; and
- (4) amendments to County Policy “to reaffirm existing policy that the County will honor all judicial warrants obtained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)” and establish “a transfer of custody process, based on a judicial warrant or court order, in cases where past or current serious or violent felony convictions give rise to the need for such a transfer to federal authorities to ensure local public safety.”

Santa Clara County policies are currently outdated in this regard, we need to do a better job protecting our citizens from repeat felony offenders and especially those who are undocumented or in the country illegally. This is not an issue to politicize which is why I am writing to you instead of attending your hearing in person. I don't want to be subjected to angry protestors and possible violence and injuries if I speak out at the hearing. It does not feel safe for me to do so.

Santa Clara County needs to follow the law not act above the law. Without laws and law enforcement there would be anarchy. At times in California and Santa Clara County it appears that we have reached that point, blatant disregard for the law, whereby American citizens are held to a higher standard than the criminally undocumented. Even police officers are becoming less inclined to uphold our laws because criminals are quickly released by our agencies to reoffend. Most crime does not even register a call for assistance, low priority by the sergeants.

In Santa Clara County there is an effort which has been embraced by you all to address the backlog of rape kits and sexual assault cases. This is money well spent on lab testing, law enforcement investigations, and criminal indictments to apprehend these felons. I'm sure there is still a large backlog of cases. If these felons turn out to be repeat undocumented immigrant offenders I hope there is no chance they are released back into the community before contacting ICE. You need to make sure of that.

While I realize that the leading causes of death in the U.S. are heart disease and cancer and my chances of being murdered in my own home like Bambi Larson are slim, I do believe that it would go a long way with legal residents if you were to change

the policy and cooperate with ICE. It would be a small step in the right direction and go a long way to take everyone's stress level down a notch knowing that the bad guys who are not supposed to be in country are being picked up by ICE and processed according to our U.S. immigration laws and California State laws. It would help to renew faith in our legal system and our country. Thank you for your consideration on this issue.

Respectfully,

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Resident, Santa Clara County
A U.S. Citizen

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